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REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE

Friday, August 6, 2010
11:30 A.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

REPORT

Members Present: Allan O'Shea, Chairperson; Glenn Lottie; Jim Krolczyk; Karen Molby; and Rachel Nelson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gordon McLellan III, Network Administrator; Matt McCauley and Jaclyn Miel-Uken, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. McLellan presented information on a potential Connect Manistee Broadband Project that could be an agenda topic for the Regional Summit. Merit Network (www.merit.edu) has been funded through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to provide broadband services. They are working along the US-31 corridor. The Committee felt that this item should be on the agenda.

Mr. McCauley and Ms. Miel-Uken attended the meeting to discuss their responsibilities as facilitators for the Seventh Regional Summit. It was explained that their main role would be to keep the meeting on track with the agenda.

Ms. Nelson presented the results from a survey that was sent to all township officials in Manistee County and an updated draft agenda (APPENDIX A). The agenda was finalized after changing "Final Comments" to "Review, Comment Sheets & Final Thoughts". The invitation to the Summit was reviewed and will be sent out by mid-August. There was discussion regarding a possible door prize given out at the end of the meeting to encourage attendance for the entire day.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Allan O'Shea, Chairperson

Karen Molby, Personnel Officer

Glenn Lottie, Commissioner

Rachel Nelson, Administrative Secretary

Jim Krolczyk, Commissioner

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SURVEY RESPONSES

APPENDIX A

Are there items on the agenda that you feel are very important for discussion or that should not be discussed at the Regional Summit?

- Unless healthcare changes are something all townships need to know I would say this topic belongs on the agenda. Otherwise please bear in mind most townships in Manistee County do not offer health insurance.
- Law enforcement & healthcare changes
- VERY IMPORTANT - Do we need the seven (7) Law Enforcement Agencies? If we check, we may have more law enforcers per population than anywhere in the world.
- I have been in township gov for 10 years. The countywide recycling keeps coming up. How much time, \$, is the county going to spend on this even though it keeps being rejected by large majority of townships. The facts are the # of sites would be reduced & cost way more!
- Important - Fairgrounds; Recycle

Are there items that are not on the agenda that you feel should be discussed at the Regional Summit?

- Roads & Road Commission
- What has become of the Manistee Manufacturers Council?
- Do public workers need twelve (12) paid holidays? Do public workers deserve better benefits than the people that are paying them? Why do so many public workers also have contraction companies that compete with many private companies that need the work?
- Job growth (and I don't mean the green kind!). Industry - bringing new business here instead of turning it away. Tourists and snow-birds are great, but they aren't the ones that have kids in our schools, shop here in the winter & off seasons, nor do they vote in our communities. We need to think about the year round residents, the young families that struggle to stay here, that want to work for a living & not live off welfare.
- Countywide consolidation of fire protection services.

Do you have any comments on the timing of the schedule?

- Healthcare put at the end of the day so those not concerned can leave.
- Looks good to me!
- The timing is good.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Regional Summit agenda?

- Road Commission update for the County.
- The dot system needs to be changed! Each person should get only 1 dot - that will give a more accurate result for the top subjects. Otherwise, I've seen people put all 7 (or however many dots were given in past) dots on one subject - so if a few people do that, it's not giving a true result of what the group chooses as a top 10.

Number of Responses: 7

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AGENDA

- 8:30 A.M. - Registration
- 9:00 A.M. - Opening Comments
- 9:15 A.M. - Gordon McLellan III
Countywide Broadband
- 9:45 A.M. - Beth Yeack, Veterans Counselor
Veterans Counselor Services
- 10:15 A.M. - BREAK
- 10:30 A.M. - Barry Lind, Airport Manager
Update on Manistee County Blacker Airport
- 11:00 A.M. - Patrick Cudney, MSU Extension
MSU Extension Update
- 11:30 A.M. - Jerry Peterson
Road Commission Update
- 12:00 Noon - LUNCH
- 1:00 P.M. - Steve Fredricks & Brian Coté, Cadillac Insurance
Healthcare Changes
- 1:30 P.M. - Mary Pitcher, Recycling Coordinator, AES
Roundtable Discussion on Countywide Recycling
- 2:00 P.M. - BREAK
- 2:15 P.M. - Cyndy Fuller, Alliance for Economic Success
Update on AES Activities
- 2:45 P.M. - Sheriff Dale Kowalkowski
Law Enforcement Update
- 3:15 P.M. - Final Comments